MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know the reason why the report of the Tahsildar cannot be pleaced on the table?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Correspondence between Government and their officers is confidential.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Were the petitioners informed why a Panchayat cannot be established at Edappalli?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The petitioners were informed that the Government do not consider it necessary to establish a Panchayat there.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know why the Government do not consider that necessary?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have basd their decision on the report of the Division Peishkar.

MR. K P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I ask whether Village Panchayats are not intended for the benefit of the people?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, they are.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Then may I know why the Government do not consider it necessary to establish a Panchayat at Edapally?

PRESIDENT: The Chief Secretary has stated that the decision of the Government was based on the material before them.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether, if the Edapally Chief has no objection, Government will be pleased to establish a Panchayat at Edapally?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, the Peishkar's report says that, unless the Panchayat is invested with judicial function, there is no necessity for a Panchayat there—and if the Panchayat is not to be invested with judicial powers, I do not know whether the people themselves may want it. The Government have been informed by the High Court that, under the existing circumstances, Panchayats could not be invested with judicial functions.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Are there Panchayats——

PRESIDENT: The member has exhausted his turn. After another member has asked supplementary questions, I cannot allow you again to put further supplementary questions.

Minor Irrigation work in the Chirayinkil taluk.

220. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount is allotted for minor irrigation work in the Chirayinkil taluk during the current year (1110): and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative,—

(i) the amount allotted;

(ii) the amount expended this year: and

(iii) the works undertaken this year?

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MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) Rs. 5,297.

(ii) Rs. 656—to end of 10/1110.

(iii) A* list of works undertaken is laid on the table.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether any work was undertaken in respect of irrigation tanks in the taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The list of works undertaken is laid on the table.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the number of irrigation tanks in the taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the number of tanks now in dis-repair?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Are the Government aware that several of these irrigations tanks have been encroached upon by private individuals and converted into gardens?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and do the needful?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether any irrigation work other than the remedying of rain damages were undertaken by Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The list of works undertaken is on the table.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Was any other work undertaken?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Price of land in revenue sales.

221 *MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the minimum and maximum rates at which paddy fields and cocoanut gardens have been sold for arrears of land revenue in each of the taluks of Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Mavelikara in 1109 and in the first half of 1110?

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Appendix III.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 220.**

Minor irrigation works undertaken in the Chirayinkil taluk during 1110.

Name of works in Chirayinkil taluk.	Amount alloted Rs.	Expenditure during this year up to end of 10/1110 Rs.	Remarks.
Rain damages of 10/101 closing breaches in Manambour thodu in Melattingal, Chirayinkil taluk ...	670	432	In progress.
Remedial measures to let out stagnant water from paddy fields in Survey Nos. 3097 to 3437 on the left side of Warkala Paripalli road 3/3 ...	700	...	The Estimate received from the Chief Engineer is under consideration
Straightening kinks in Mamom river ...	3,000	...	Contract just arranged for.
Rain damages of 10/108 closing breaches above Shanganam anicut in Sarkarai river, Chirayinkil taluk ...	921	224	Almost finished.
	5,297	656	

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